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Research

Fresh Expressions of Church Reports

These reports were published in November 2016, and are the culmination of four years’ research into fxC in the Church of England. They provide a broad insight into how fresh expressions of Church develop, who attends them and how they can be sustained.

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Messy Church and Diocesan Research

Church Army has recently completed a number of various research projects around fresh expressions of church

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The Mixed Ecologists

The National Ministry Teams’ Living Ministry research programme has published ‘The Mixed Ecologists: Experiences of Mixed Ecology Ministers in the Church of England,’ by Ruth Perrin and Ed Olsworth-Peter. It represents the stories of 17 clergy engaged in both pioneering and inherited expressions of church. Mixed ecology ministry is a key part of the Church of England’s new Vision & Strategy work and this report explores what it looks like in practice and its implications for clergy, congregations, and those they seek to reach.

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A Cornish Call to Pioneer

14/09/2020

Rt Rev Philip Mounstephen, Bishop of Truro writes about why episcopal leadership should advocate for and support pioneer ministry with insights into how a strategic vision for this is unfolding in Cornwall.

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Pioneer practitioner’s story – ‘The Garden’

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Lindsay and Lindsay tell a story of lives brought together to tend God's garden in the Diocese of Bath and Wells

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The Journey Towards Innovation

27/01/2020

Pioneer ministry is all about thinking outside of the box. Dave Gardner, the Director of Mission in the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich says that one of the biggest challenges in his diocese is changing the perception that most of the focus of ordained and lay ministry is for the benefit of the existing congregation but by creating a licensed route for pioneers and innovators, they are working to put pioneer ministry on a similar footing as other licensed lay ministries.

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